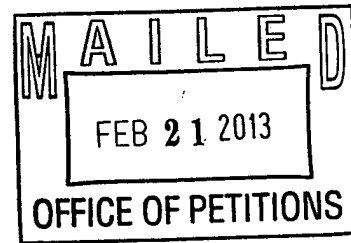




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In re Patent No. 6,444,109	: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is also a decision on the "RENEWED PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP OF A PATENT," filed on January 18, 2013, which is treated as a petition requesting waiver under 37 CFR 1.183 of 1.324 inasmuch as it requires that a named inventor assent to the correction of the inventorship in an issued patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner requests waiver of the rules in that named inventor Ronald Redline is deceased and is unavailable to execute the statement under § 1.324(b)(2). Petitioners assert that inventor Redline assigned all of his right, title, and interest in the patent, and requests that the Office accept a statement from the assignee in lieu of the statement from inventor Redline.

The subject renewed petition is accompanied by a statement by Lois Redline, the widow of deceased inventor Robert Redline, who states that she is authorized to act on behalf of the deceased inventor and has no disagreement in regard to the request to add Donald Ferrier and Eric Yakobson as inventors to the above-referenced patent. As such, the showing of record is that justice requires waiver of the rule. As such the petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to waive 1.324 may be granted.

Office records have been updated as indicated in enclosed Corrected Filing Receipt.

As a Certificate of Correction effecting the desired correction was issued on December 18, 2012, no further action will be taken with respect to this patented file.

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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